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RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 612X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Greenville, SC

Dear Secretary Williams:

The City of Greenville ("Greenville") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately a 1.31-mile portion of a rail line between Valuation Station 47+50 and Valuation Station 115+11.5 in Greenville, Greenville County, SC, in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expires on December 31 2004. CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with Greenville, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with Greenville. Therefore, CSXT respectfully requests the Board to grant a 180-day extension of time to June 29, 2005 to negotiate trail use with Greenville. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to August 28, 2005.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$350. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours

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